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13 August 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Research)

SUBJECT : Status of the OXCART Medical Capability

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REFERENCE : Draft Memo for AAD/OSA from OSA/PB,
dtd 9 Aug 62, Subj: OSA Medical Program
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1. I am forwarding the reference document to you for background information on the problem [redacted] mentioned to you when you were at [redacted] I am doing so purposely without having acted upon the reference since I do not feel it accurately reflects the situation as it exists today, and in the normal course of business I would have suggested to [redacted] that it be rewritten to take account of developments that transpired last week. Consequently, I ask that you please consider it only as an information paper in this instance.

2. I have discussed the entire matter in depth with Colonel Geary, and he is considerably upset by two things:

a. General Flickinger's report contains some fairly strong statements made by Lockheed and submitted without comment by General Flickinger dealing with purported inadequacies in medical support [redacted] which cast a definite shadow on the Air Force.

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b. Colonel Geary is clearly disturbed by inferences drawn from General Flickinger's paper that the chief of the Lockheed medical staff, [redacted] is now in effect going to review recommendations made by OSA and implemented by the Air Force with regard to the creation of an

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adequate medical capability. It is his view, which I share, that we do not need Lockheed in the command line on this problem though we should take into account whatever special considerations their medical/legal status presents.

3. Colonel Geary and I have agreed that we should like as the next step to meet with General Bohannon, the Deputy Air Surgeon General, and with General Flickinger early this week to review this entire incident and what its importance is upon our staffing pattern and scope of medical support [REDACTED] I have asked [REDACTED] to furnish me soonest with copies of all his medical SOP's [REDACTED] which he stood ready to do immediately after the [REDACTED] case but did not accomplish because as a result of this incident certain revisions were in work on the SOP's.

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4. In summary, I would ask that you accept these papers quite conditionally, bearing in mind the fact that we have not fully explored this problem and are not yet prepared to make a recommendation leading to a satisfactory solution.

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